

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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**“RENEWED PETITION” FOR REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PATENT
TERM ADJUSTMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.705**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants respectfully renew their request for reconsideration of the Patent Term Adjustment (PTA) determined for the captioned patent. The USPTO indicated in the letter of March 13, 2009, that a decision on the Applicants’ initial request was being held in abeyance until after the actual patent date. As noted, the patent issued on April 14, 2009, as U.S. Patent No. 7,517,934.

The Patent Office determined that the patent was entitled to 64 days of PTA. Applicants believe that this PTA determination was made in accordance with the “Explanation of 37 CFR 1.703(f) and of the United States Patent and Trademark Office Interpretation of 35 U.S.C. §154(b)(2)(A)” published at 69 Fed. Reg. 34238 (Jun. 21, 2004). Under that interpretation of the PTA statute, any PTO delay under 35 U.S.C. § 154(b)(1)(A) is deemed to overlap with any 3-

year maximum pendency delay under 35 U.S.C. § 154(b)(1)(B), and so, as a practical effect, PTA may be awarded under §154(b)(1)(A) or §154(b)(1)(B), but not both.

On September 30, 2008, the United States District Court for the District of Columbia issued a decision finding that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's interpretation of the PTA statute is incorrect. *Wyeth v. Dudas*, Civ. Action No. 07-1492 (JR) (Sep. 30, 2008). The court determined that, under the correct interpretation of the PTA statute, periods of "overlap" are limited to "periods of time . . . [that] occur on the same day." *Wyeth*, slip op. at 8. Thus, a PTO delay under §154(b)(1)(A) overlaps with a delay under §154(b)(1)(B) only if the delays "occur on the same day." *Id.*

Applicants have recalculated the PTA for the captioned patent under the court's interpretation of the PTA statute, and have determined that the patent is entitled to 93 days PTA, as shown on the attached sheet, which shows the relevant delays under 37 CFR §§1.702(a) and (b), and under 37 CFR §§1.703(a) and (b).

The attached sheet details the circumstances during the prosecution of the application resulting in the patent that constitute a failure to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude processing or examination of such application as set forth in § 1.704.

(a) Total of non-overlapping PTO delay under §154(b)(1)(A) & (B):	392 days
(b) Total Applicant delay:	299 days
Final PTA Determination:	93 days

Applicants therefore respectfully request that the patent be accorded 93 days PTA.

The patent is not subject to a terminal disclaimer.

Because this is a renewed request, Applicants do not believe that any fee is due, the fee having been paid with the Applicants' original request on December 23, 2008. However, if a fee is due, and should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment instructions in EFS-Web being incorrect or absent, resulting in a rejected or incorrect credit card transaction, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: April 24, 2009

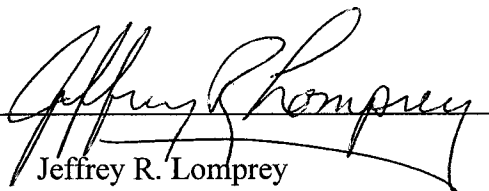
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This decision is in response to the "REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.705," filed December 23, 2008. This matter is being properly treated as a timely filed application for patent term adjustment pursuant to 37 CFR 1.705(b).

The Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 USC 154(b) was mailed September 29, 2008. Applicants argue that the application is entitled to an additional adjustment of 363 days pursuant to 35 USC 154(b)(1)(B).

Applicants contest the adjustment insofar as it relates to the Office's failure to issue the patent within three years of the filing date of the application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.703(b) in view of Wyeth v. Dudas, No. 07-1492 (D.D.C. September 30, 2008).

To the extent that this application for patent term adjustment requests reconsideration of the patent term adjustment as it relates to the Office's failure to issue the patent within 3 years of the filing date, a decision is being held in abeyance until after the actual patent date. Knowledge of the actual date the patent issues is ordinarily required to calculate the amount, if any, of additional patent term patentee is entitled to for Office failure to issue the patent within 3 years. See, 37 CFR 1.703(b). It is noted that at the time of this decision, the patent has not issued.

Applicants are given **TWO (2) MONTHS** from the issue date of the patent to file a written request for reconsideration of the patent term adjustment for Office failure to issue the patent within 3 years. A copy of this decision should accompany the request. Applicants may seek such consideration without payment of an additional fee. However, as to all other bases for seeking reconsideration of the patent term adjustment indicated in the patent, all requirements of § 1.705(d) must be met. Requests for reconsideration on other bases must be timely filed and must include payment of the required fee.

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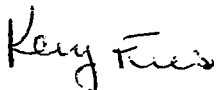
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With respect to the over 3 year calculation, rather than file the request for reconsideration of Patent Term Adjustment at the time of the mailing of the notice of allowance, applicants are advised that they may wait until the time of the issuance of the patent and file a request for reconsideration of the patent term pursuant to 37 CFR 1.705(d). The USPTO notes that it does not calculate the amount of time earned pursuant to 37 CFR 1.702(b) until the time of the issuance of the patent and accordingly, the Office will consider any request for reconsideration of the patent term adjustment due to an error in the calculation of 37 CFR 1.702(b) to be timely if the request for reconsideration is filed within two months of the issuance of the patent.

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the required patent term adjustment application fee of \$200.00.

The application file is being forwarded to the Office of Data Management for issuance of the patent. The patent term adjustment indicated on the patent (as shown on the Issue Notification mailed about three weeks prior to patent issuance) will include any additional adjustment accrued both for Office delay in issuing the patent more than four months after payment of the issue fee and satisfaction of all outstanding requirements, and for the Office taking in excess of three years to issue the patent (to the extent that the three-year period does not overlap with periods already accorded).

Telephone inquiries specific to this matter should be directed to Petitions Attorney Alesia M. Brown at (571) 272-3205.



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